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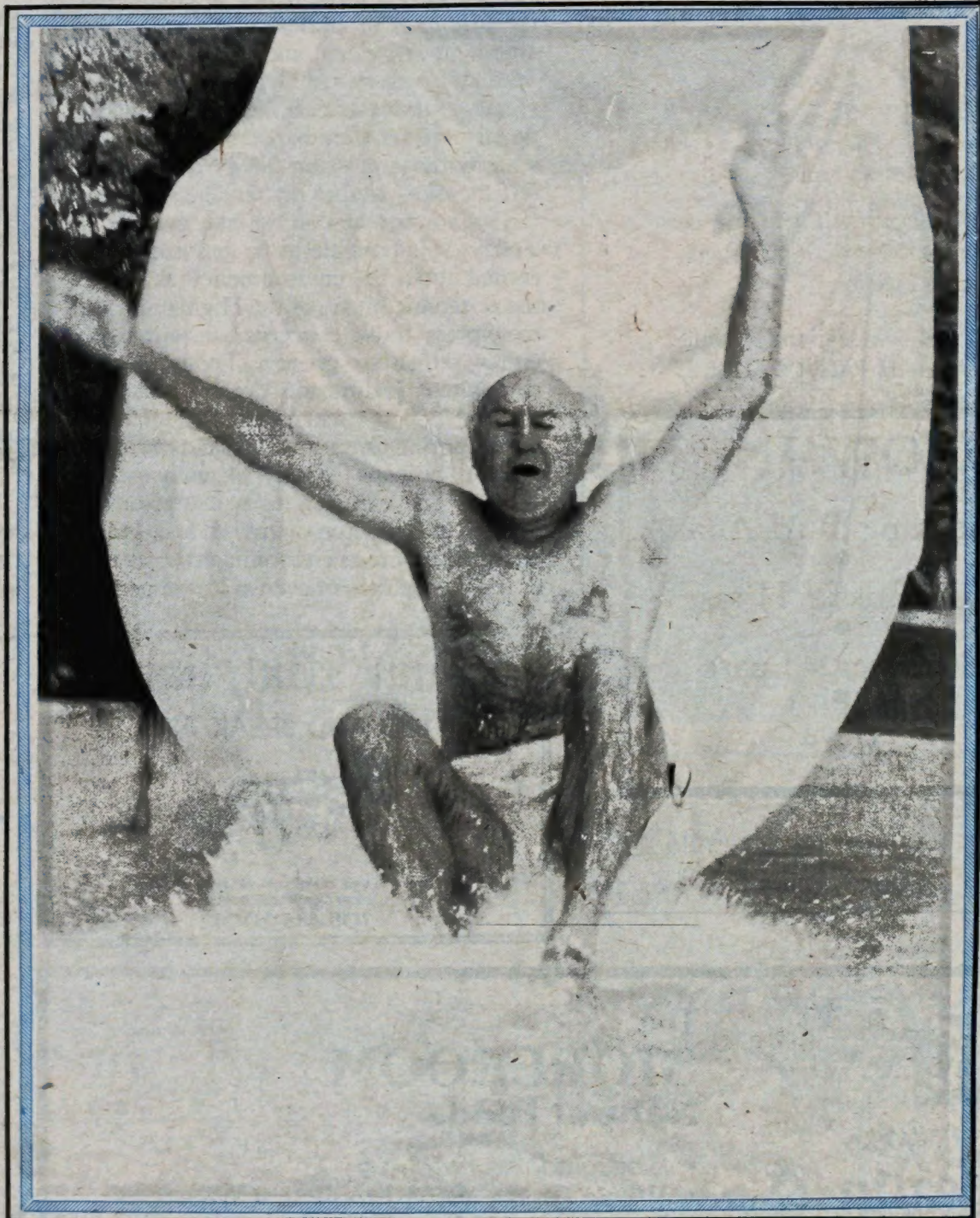
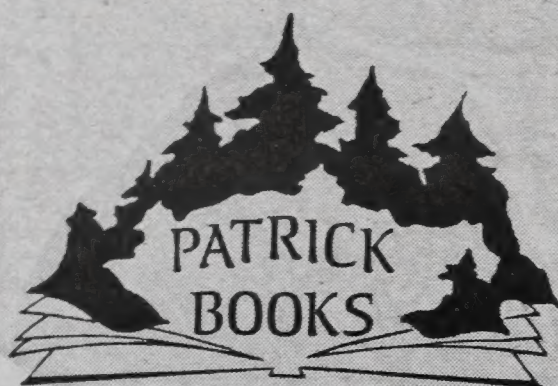


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Learning to protect nature: Throughout the Highlands, there is a growing consciousness of the environment

NO ONE WHO owns property in the Haliburton Highlands, or who has spent much time here, can have failed to notice that the attitudes of 'Highlanders' are changing. Not many years ago, when the local economy was struggling, and when the world seemed somehow a simpler and less confusing place, few people gave much thought to the local environment. Nature was something to be tamed or conquered, the forests were endless, the waters were abundant and clean, and there was plenty of room for everyone. Development was invariably viewed as positive, and when cautionary words were expressed, they were seen by those pressing for growth as mere selfishness — as the 'my cottage should be the last cottage built on the lake' syndrome. Today, it is possible to be genuinely concerned about the environmental as well as the economic future of the Highlands, and to express those concerns without being either selfish or greedy. Today, people throughout Haliburton County recognize that the economic and environmental future of Haliburton County are one and the same.

That, perhaps, is why so many people share similar views on many matters affecting life in Haliburton County. It is no longer possible to dismiss environmental concerns as trivial or selfish, or even as less important

than jobs. The environment — the natural world we share and the developed world we create — is, in fact, the single most pressing concern of Highlanders, whether they serve on local councils, own local businesses, or cherish vacation properties.

Cottage associations have played an important role in spreading the environmental message, and in facilitating dialogue among politicians and the public. Virtually every local cottage association is interested in the future of the Highlands, and all of them strive to keep their membership informed about issue affecting not only their lakes, but the Highlands in general.

Acid rain was perhaps the first environmental issue to raise widespread concern in cottage country. The problem has not been eliminated, but other issues now seem more pressing, or at least more within our individual control. Recycling has become a fact of life here as elsewhere. Waste oil is no longer used for dust control on roads. People are much more aware of their own responsibility to protect the natural world and save it for future generations.

Inevitably, there will be differences of opinion on how best to both enjoy and protect the environment. But dialogue is everywhere, and answers may yet be found.

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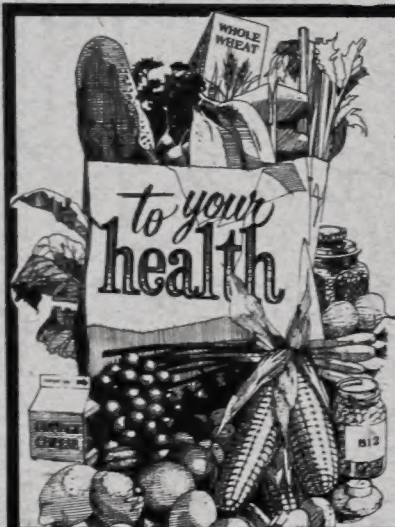
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Discoveries

The Gelert and Irondale Roads have the same cadence as the countryside: they wind slowly through peaceful woods

by: MARTHA PERKINS

I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT if I hadn't driven it with my own four tires. Here, in Haliburton County, there's actually a one-lane, gravel, the-type-you-see-in-movies, public country road. When can I go back?

Last Thursday, I began to realize how much I was enjoying this column when my "research" impelled me to drive along the Irondale/Gelert road. As soon as I turned off Highway 503, I was enchanted, transported into a world where Nature wandered as she willed. And I was more than willing to follow.

While there may be similar roads in the county, most of them are private cottage roads not intended for public travel. But this road runs through primarily crown land which means if you want to pull off to the side (and since there is no side this can be very tricky) and take some pictures, you can do so with a clear conscience. However, respect those places where "No trespassing" signs are evident.

Before I begin describing this road, I think it's best to explain how I got there. This can be call-

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The views are idyllic on a sunny summer afternoon as you meander along this one lane road, stopping often to enjoy the scenery, or to capture it in photographs. At Irondale, history and charm await.

The way is quiet and unhurried

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ed, in essence, the Snowdon Grand Tour. My start off point is Haliburton, and a map might be handy if you don't follow the same route.

Leave the village via Highway 121 East, heading towards Tory Hill. Five kilometres out of town, turn right at the old Buckhorn Road (County Road 3). This road's appeal is its relative unspoiledness. Except for a brief stretch of nice homes on Blue Hawk Lake, there's nothing but trees and glimpses of lake to attract your attention as you wind

category for many reasons. To illustrate one, we'll take a little sidetrip.

Unseen to you, the Burnt River follows basically the same path as the road. A few kilometres after you turn off from Highway 503, you'll cross a bridge which spans this pretty river. Just after that, the main road goes to the right, but turn left onto the dirt road. There, a few metres away, the bush will open and you'll get a view of a small waterfall. I haven't had the time, but apparently this road will take you all the way to Gooderham and

You become part of the countryside instead of an invader, as the road follows the land instead of bullying its way through it

and dip and peak through what is, definitely Highlands country.

The road ends at Hwy. 503 and after turning right, the next sign you are to look for reads Bark Lake Camp straight ahead, Irondale, turn left. Turn left.

There are two types of roads, I read recently. One type bullies its way through the countryside, with little attention paid to the lay of the land. If there's a small hill in your path, blow it away; if it's a swamp; fill it in. Anyone who's driven along the 401 will know what this means—why is it so boring?

The other type of road has the same cadence as the countryside; that is, they are in harmony with one another. Just as hills are rounded at the bottom, the road arcs its way around the hills. You become part of the countryside instead of an invader, and so you feel at peace. At home.

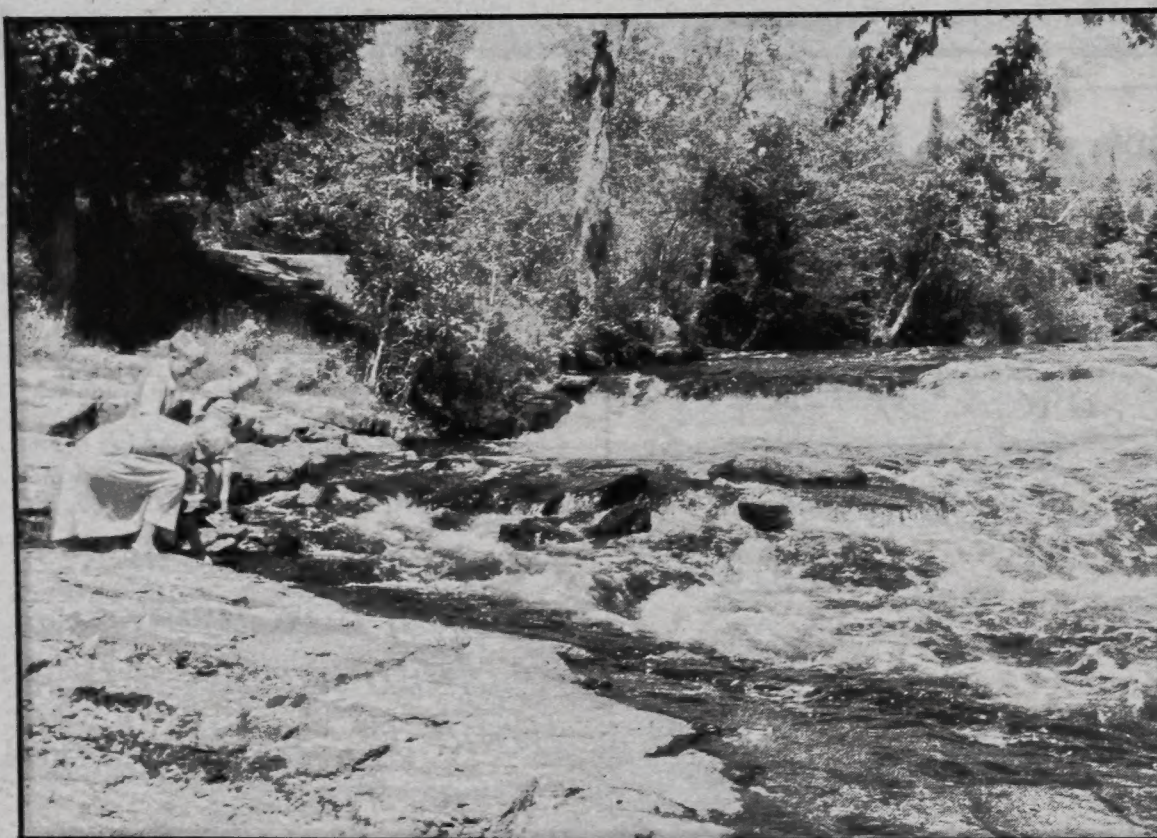
The old Irondale Road falls into this latter

would be worth exploring.

For now, turn around and get back onto the paved portion of the road. Here you'll also find glimpses of Haliburton's past. Some of the old farmhouses have been deserted, while others have been given another lease on life with a new coat of paint, some structural support and owner's pride. The way is quiet and unhurried, and you seem to absorb its sense of rural tranquility until you too drive a little less quickly and with a little less on your mind.

You're now in the perfect mood to be greeted with another of the county's quaintest churches, deep in the heart of Irondale. In fact, St. John's, with its simplicity as its strength, is the heart of Irondale.

I was here two years ago to cover its 100th anniversary and the view from the pews is of old barns, tree-covered hills and a scarecrow guarding the neighbouring garden. Perhaps someone will be inside the church and you can tour its interior;



The Irondale River cascades over rocks on its way to join the Burnt River system



You absorb the sense of rural tranquility and drive less quickly, and with a little less on your mind

otherwise, if you don't want to attend one of its regular services, on the Thanksgiving weekend the church is festooned with the bounties of those gardens and hills, and is a real treat to see.

I thought a lot about churches during our last vacation to Quebec. There, in each village, is a magnificent church, resplendent with a silver metal roof, beautiful brickwork and awe-inspiring steeple. The surrounding houses are much more plain and simple and it's evident that for a time, people's love of life was embodied in their faith. Quebec's Quiet Revolution taught us that sometimes the financial support was a bit more obligation than gift, but give they did nonetheless.

If faith can be shown by how much a community spends on its church, where does that leave the smaller churches of Haliburton? Does this mean the people had less faith?

This question is answered as soon as you walk into St. John's. Just as the road respects the beauty of nature, the simpleness of the church shows the grace of both the people who worship there and the countryside it shares. Everything is as one.

A little bit of its history before it's time to move on: Ruth Pusey was the wife of iron magnate Charles Pusey of Pennsylvania. Their son-in-law, Lucien Howland, opened up the area by building the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railroad. A yellowed obituary for Mrs. Pusey, circa 1892, says "She was a member of the English church and showed her fidelity by procuring through her own efforts, and largely through her own means, the erection of a new church, now nearly completed. She was of a most amiable character, large-hearted, kind and unselfish, almost to a fault."

To get back onto Highway 503, you go back on the paved portion of the road and cross what's known as a Bailey bridge, with its steel frame and wooden surface. This type of bridge was extremely popular during World War II, when many bridges were being bombed. Built in Canada, it was shipped to Europe in pieces and quickly erected.

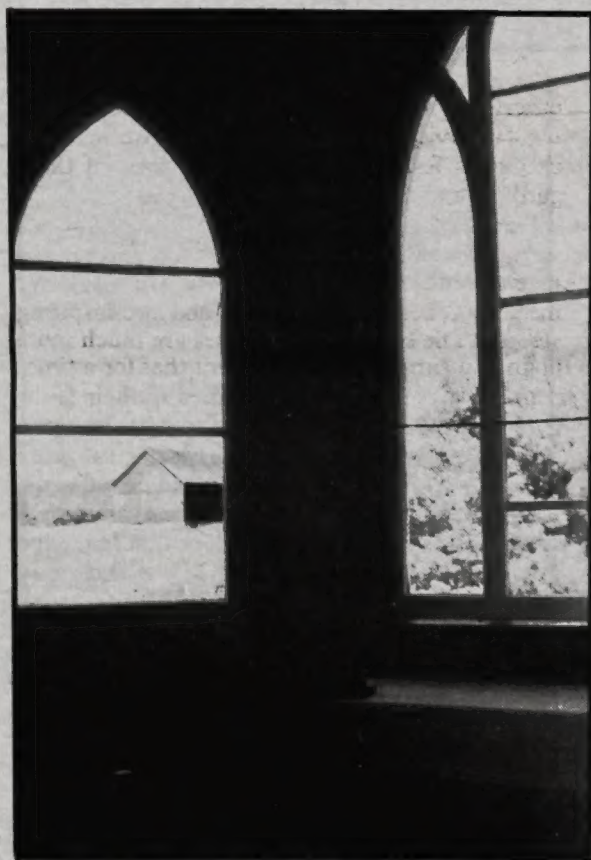
Now if it's a hot day and you've brought along your swimsuits, we'll pass the sign pointing to the Gelert Road and drive a few kilometres farther to Furnace Falls. Turn into the picnic area and follow any of the roads down to the falls—one of the best

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'Swamps have never been more appealing. Forests have never appeared more welcoming. Roads are rarely so adventuresome. And farming has never seemed as idyllic.'



The railway trestle is a landmark in Gelert



Irondale church's quiet beauty

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"swimming holes" in Haliburton, if my memory serves me correctly. The rocks form a smooth, hard beach and if you forage for rocks underfoot, there's no danger of stubbing a toe. The water's quite deep in the middle of the river and I can remember my sister and I finding a log here one afternoon. Try as we might, we weren't very good river drivers but had just as much fun falling off. There are plenty of picnic tables at the park so you can enjoy a snack or lunch. (The land, by the way, was donated by Harold Carr, whose own childhood memories include finding part of the old furnace built by an iron ore company. He's a better tour guide than I and can tell you a lot more about this area's history.)

But enough lingering. You want to travel this Gelert Road, so let's turn around and when you come to the sign pointing to Gelert, turn left.

If you drive quickly along this road, you're a fool for two reasons. First of all, since traffic going both ways is accommodated by one lane (one and a half really), accidents are just waiting around the corner. Secondly, you'll miss so much.

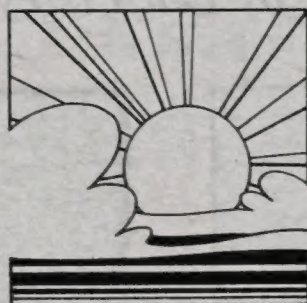
Swamps have never been more appealing. Forests have never appeared more welcoming. Roads are rarely so adventuresome. And farming never seemed as idyllic, especially as you approach Gelert and view some barns framed by a huge maple tree.

What is it about swamps which makes us wish we had a microscope handy? Or farms which make us want to quit our day job and live off the land? I don't like bugs or squiggly things and I've never planted a garden, so perhaps it's just as well I'm a reporter who just talks about such occupations.

The last treat in store for you is an old Victoria Railway bridge made with large ties. Just past it, there's a spot where you can park your car and walk back to the bridge along the abandoned route, now owned by the county and accessible to the public. Be careful, though. This bridge does not have the safety aspects of modern contraptions and should be approached with care.

Well, that's the Snowdon tour. The Gelert Road ends just a few metres away at County Road 1 and for me at least, it was time to go home. But I'll be back the next time I have the excuse.

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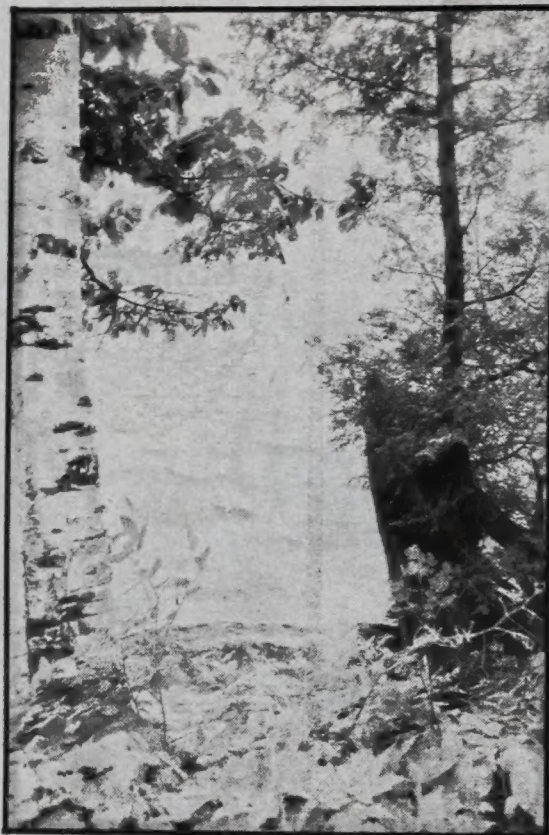
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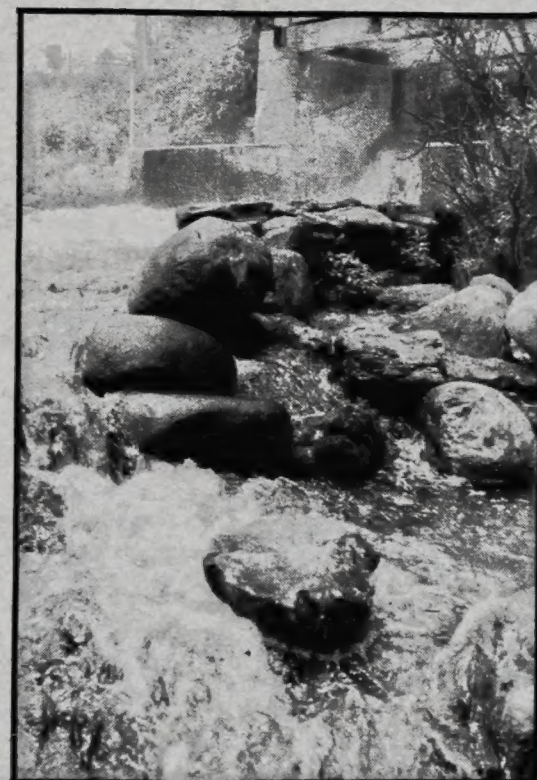
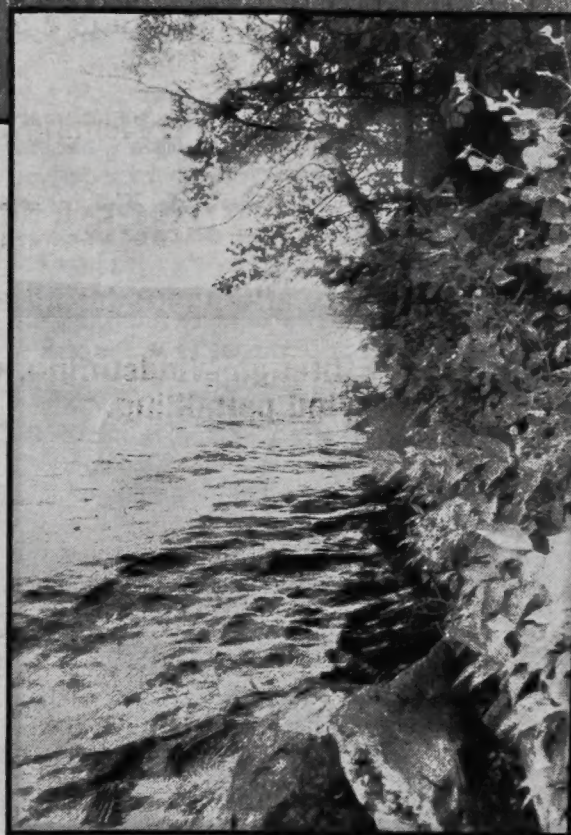
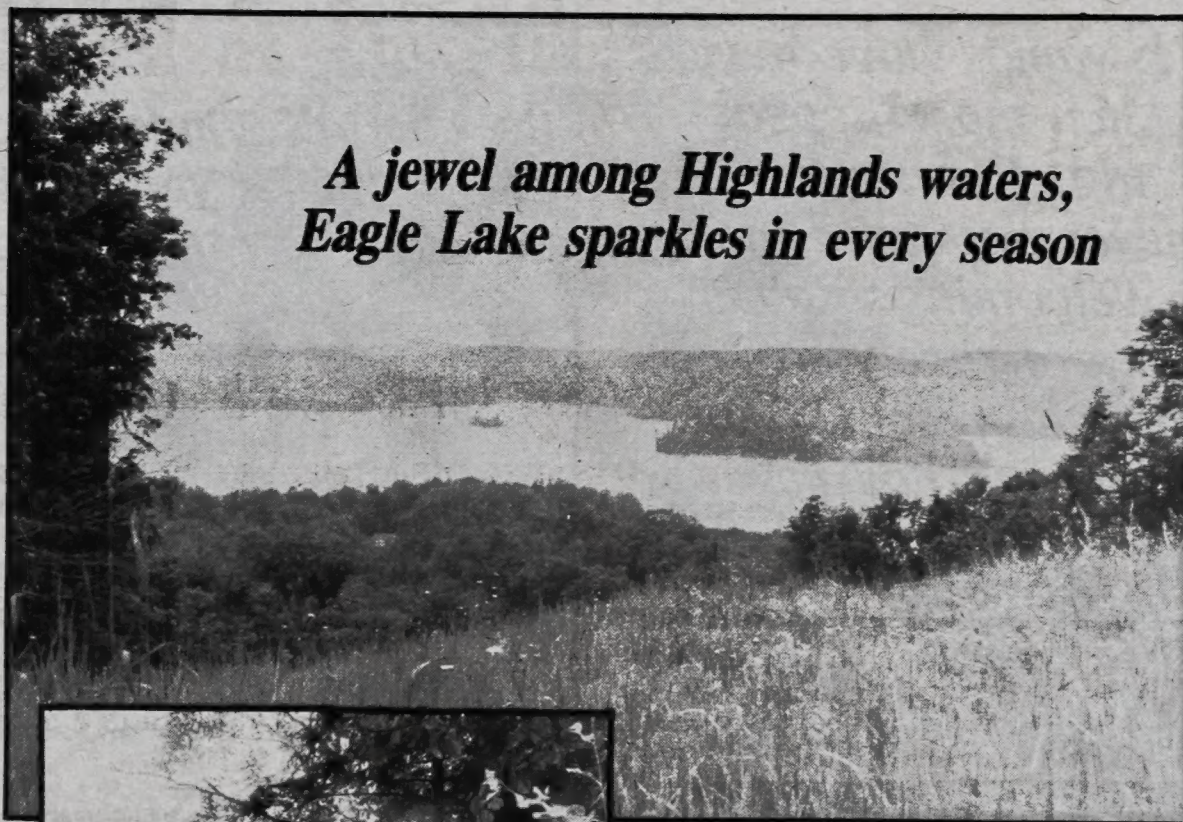


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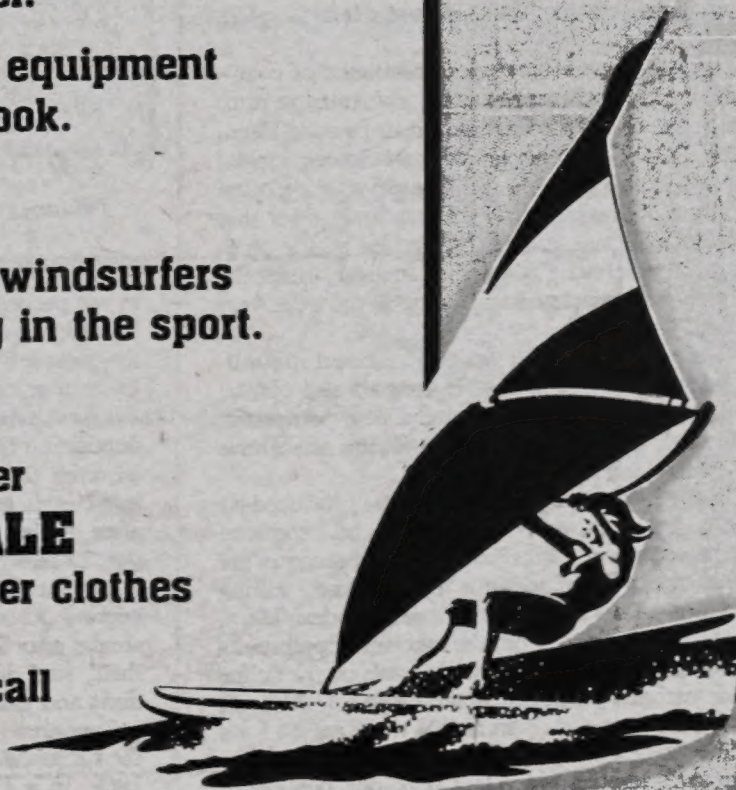
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Focus On Nature

The destructive consequences of acid rain are well documented, yet so far, little has been done to control the threat

by: R. D. LAWRENCE



'Acid rain' has become a catch-all phrase that is frequently bandied about by politicians and the media, but is rarely explained.

What, then, is acid rain? And what does it do?

Simply stated, acid rain, or acid deposition on the environ-

ment, results from the burning of coal, and of combustion of the gasoline used in automobiles and other types of transport, in home heating, and in mining and industrial processes.

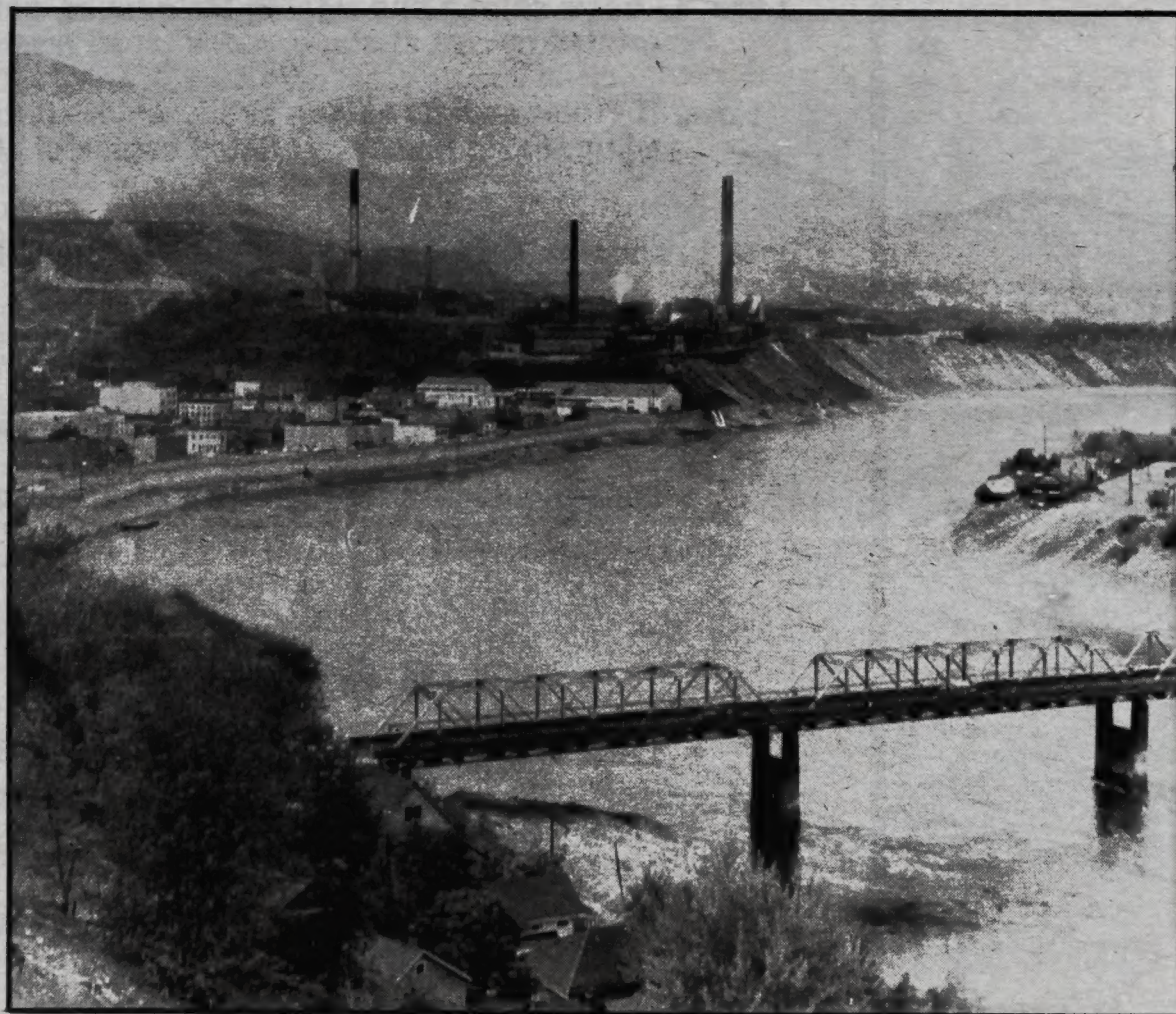
Coal, one of the two major producers of sulfuric and nitric acids when it is burned, was formed millions of years ago after the death of trees that had dressed the European and North American landscapes. Among these plants were giant "scale trees," or *Lepidodendrons*, and *Cordaites*, the latter giving rise to modern conifers such as the pines and spruces.

Fossil evidence—and the abundance of coal—tells us that both species grew in profusion until about the end of the Carboniferous period. Then, some 230 million years ago, climate changes caused the land to become too wet to support the giants. Dying and crashing into the brackish water that had rotted their roots, the bodies of the trees became preserved. Countless years later, under the influence of major geologic changes, the trees were turned into coal.

Similarly, petroleum was also formed millions of years ago by the decay of animals and plants, mainly algae and microorganisms. And petroleum, like coal, also releases large amounts of sulfuric and nitric acids.

In the ironic twist of fate, the coal produced by the death of ancient trees, and the oil produced by the death of countless minute organisms are now, through injudicious human use, killing modern forests and making lifeless modern lakes!

However this may be, the amount of pollutants released during combustion depends on the sulfur and nitrogen contents of the oil or of the coal, which can vary widely according to the region from which they are obtained. Some types of coal, for instance, may produce less than one percent of



Industrial stacks, like these in Trail, B.C., are a major source of the pollutants that cause acid rain

sulfur, while others are known to produce as much as six percent. According to the sulfur content, burning one tonne of coal, then, may release into the atmosphere as few as three, or as many as 60 kilos of sulfur.

The environmentally damaging effects of acid deposition on land or in the water was recognized more than one hundred years ago. Indeed, it had clearly begun to affect the environment soon after the industrial revolution began in the latter part of the 18th century. Building up relatively slowly at first, the killing agents of what has become known as "progress" did their damage almost unnoticed until about forty years ago. Since then, acid deposition has reached crisis proportions and can no longer continue to be ignored.

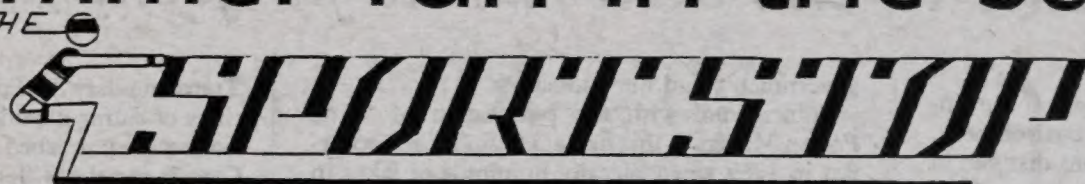
Concerned about pollution, I wrote a book on the subject in 1968, which was published in June, 1969. In it I warned about pollution as a whole

and of acid deposition in particular, although the term, acid rain, had not yet become one of the "good" words I mentioned in a previous column. The title of the book is "the Poison Makers". I quote from it 20 years later: "From the Atlantic to the Pacific the air, water, and soil of Canada are being fouled in some measure by some kind of man-made pollution. Much of this poison is produced at home; that is, it is released either by individual Canadians or by Canadian industry, or by both at the same time. But our air, in addition to being contaminated by 'domestic' pollution, must also carry a heavy load of poison gas manufactured in the United States. This unseen invasion of our country is mentioned here only to emphasize the international dangers of pollution, not because I am attempting to blame the U.S. for Canada's troubles. But it must be emphasized

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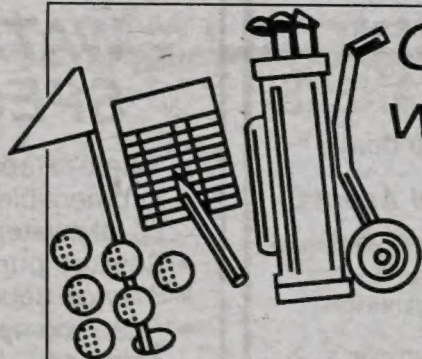
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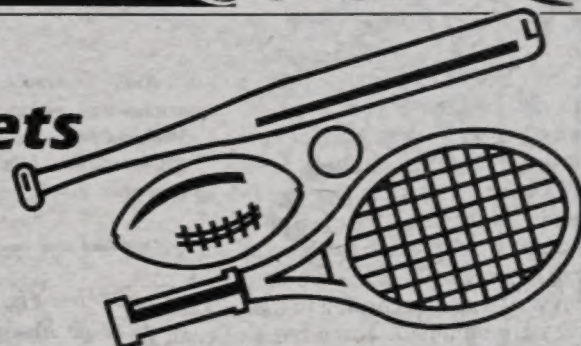


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The battle to end acid rain is far from won

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ed: Canadians, immensely guilty of the indiscriminate pollution of their own environment, are yet further threatened by poisons distilled in the U.S.. "

Later, on page 105 of "The Poison Makers". I noted"

"It must be clearly understood that sulfur dioxide pollution is, at the present time, going on unchecked in all countries of the world. Despite a great deal of research in the major (industrial) countries, no safe, practical system of control has been found. This gas is a killer. Apart from its devastating effect upon animal life, it is also guilty of rusting metal, of blistering and staining paint, and of killing plants and trees and shrubs.

"In addition to sulfur, we are threatened by nitrogen oxides, which are also released into the air by the burning of various fuels. After nitrogen oxide comes fluoride, a useful substance when it is not unleashed upon us in deadly quantities by the smelting of aluminum and iron, and by phosphate and fertilizer factories. This poison has been found to cause low yield in crops and abnormalities in the bones of mammals. "

Looking back over the last 20 years by re-reading my book, I feel a great resentment. The book, although it sold out two editions, was totally ignored by those who should have noticed it: our

governments and our industries.

Coincidental with the publication of "The Poison Makers", this first acid rain alarms occurred in 1969 when literally hundreds of lakes in Scandinavia and in eastern U.S. and Canada became lifeless. More recently, and especially in Europe, forests began to die after long exposure to acid rain and acid soil. A few years ago it was estimated that in Europe more than four million hectares (ten million acres) of forests had died or were dying. By the autumn of 1983, a survey in West Germany showed that two and-a-half million hectares (six million acres) of trees were affected by acid rain—34 percent of the nation's forests. Six years later, West Germany reports that 50 percent of its forests are now affected by acid deposition.

Compounding the problem and making the term, acid rain, somewhat invalid, forest damage has revealed many other pollutants, including: acid-making sulfates, ozone, and heavy metals such as lead, copper, zinc, mercury, aluminum, and chromium. Concentrations of heavy metals high enough to be toxic have been found in cores taken from a variety of trees in Appalachian forests of the U.S.

Following a U.S.-Canada meeting in Ottawa in 1983 (United States-Canada Memorandum on

Transboundary Air Pollution), tables for the quantities of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions were published. At that time, emissions in Canada and the U.S. of sulfur oxides released annually totalled 28.88 million metric tons! And the combined total of nitrogen oxide amounted to 20.86 million tonnes a year. The tables were made up from 1980 figures in Canada and the U.S. West Germany, reporting figures from 1978, at that time was producing 3.54 million tonnes of sulfur dioxide and three million tons of nitrogen oxide.

And then there is ozone. But not the ozone layer that protects the earth from the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation, but rather the kind that is formed here on earth when nitrogen oxides react with hydrocarbons. The resulting ozone is not only highly corrosive and has been found to damage trees on its own, it can also speed up the natural transformation of sulfur and nitrogen oxides into sulfates and nitrates, which are the major components of acid rain.

So, now we know more about acid deposition and what it is doing to all of us everywhere. The question then is: What can an individual do to stop acid rain? The answer: Write letters to the politicians and the media, and keep on writing them. The politicians are, at last, listening.

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Profile

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is a testament to one woman's vision, and to her love of artistic expression

by: ANNE HEWITT

WHEN DR. AGNES Jamieson first came to this area in 1939, she took the community by storm with her determination and dedication. These traits allowed her to become a respected doctor, and years later they helped with the creation of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

In an effort to find a home for her friend Andre Lapine's paintings, Dr. Jamieson set to work trying to convince council that while they were building the new library, it was only common sense to have a place for an art gallery.

Lapine was a summer resident on South Lake, and his wife was one of Dr. Jamieson's patients. She became friends with Lapine, and would often help him out with his work.

"Agnes would take Andre with her on house calls," says Sylvia Howard, who lived and worked with Dr. Jamieson for almost 50 years. "She would leave him to sketch and pick him up on her way back.

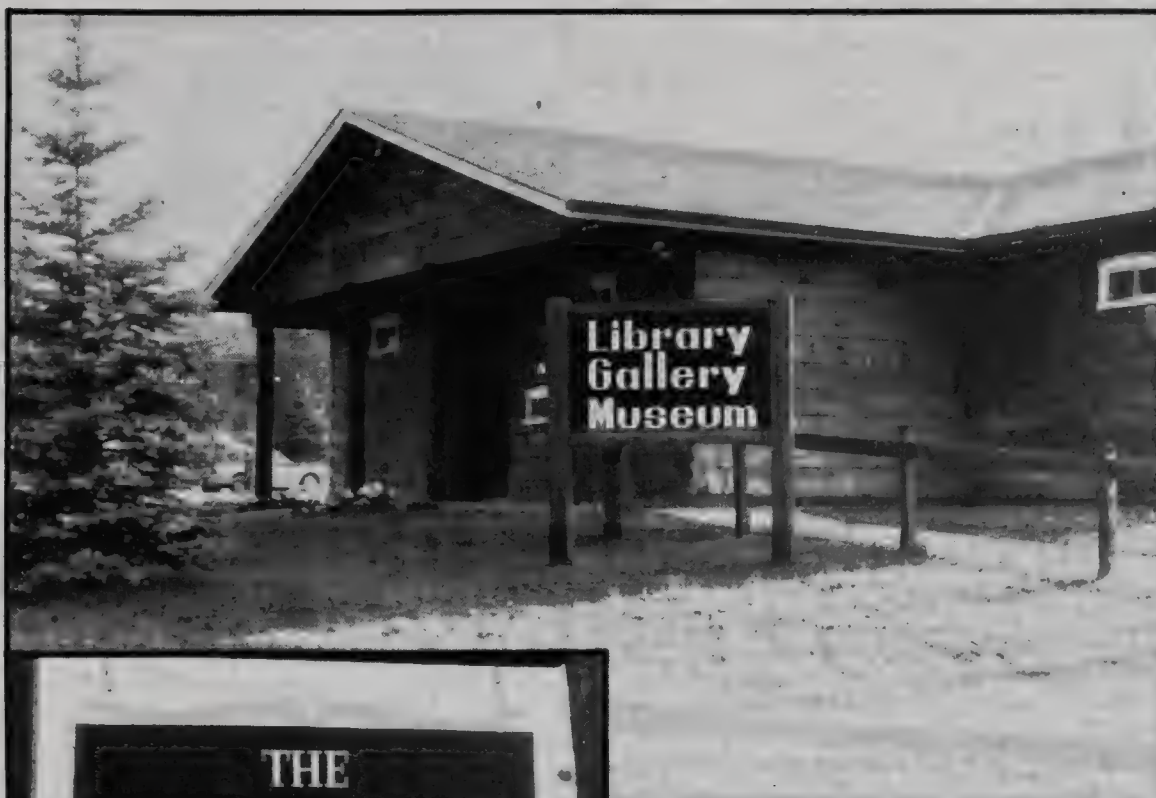
"And artists as a rule don't have a lot of money, so Agnes and Frank Welch (the funeral director in town, who Lapine went to live with after his wife passed away) would buy a picture from him to get him going again."

By the time Mr. Welch died he had accumulated quite a few of Lapine's works, and he willed them to Minden, on the condition that a suitable building be erected to house them. Dr. Jamieson, who had been teaching at the Ontario Hospital School, returned to Minden to find the paintings "scattered all over the place", with several of them being kept in the vault at the county building. She immediately set to work to find out why there was no gallery yet, and what could be done about it.

"Agnes talked to Dr. Vaughan who had a cottage on Boshkung lake and he said if she could get a dozen pictures and a list with the size of all the others he would give it to a friend of his who was a curator at an art gallery in Toronto," says Miss Howard. "She got the list and promised her life away that the pictures wouldn't get lost. Their estimated value was over \$150,000."

Originally everyone thought the paintings were worth only \$5,000, and with this new information in hand, council applied for a grant, and was given money to help build the cultural centre, and on September 26, 1981 the building was officially opened.

"They changed the plans for the library and included a room for the art gallery. They also put



in a common room for groups to meet in," says Miss Howard. "Unknown to her the executive named part of it after her. She was completely surprised and questioned them on it, but they said if it hadn't been for her they wouldn't have it."

"But it wasn't only Agnes. She started the work, but others worked hard and were very helpful. Sinc Nesbitt was the reeve at that time and he was a big help. He was quite interested and took hold of it."

Dr. Jamieson enjoyed painting herself, and studied under Uden Stanten, an artist from Orillia. She had always been interested in painting, but had never known the procedure involved. While

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'Artists as a rule don't have a lot of money', says Sylvia Howard, 'so Agnes and Frank Welch would buy a painting from him to get him going again.'
The resulting collection is now housed in the Minden gallery, for all to enjoy

Outdoors

If you appreciate solitude, there's not better way to experience it than by flying to an isolated lake to fish

by: ANNE HEWITT

WHOEVER SAID silence is golden must have been on a fly-in fishing trip. There is nothing more peaceful or relaxing than being on a lake, with no cars, noise, or distractions except the splash of a fish's fin against the water.

As the sea plane takes off, you leave behind the hustle and bustle of everyday life; your mind starts to wander in the clouds. Worries and cares become small dots, just like the houses hundreds of feet below.

From the air, the countryside appears a mass of blue and green. Miniature cottages, boats towing waterskiers, and cars travelling on small ribbons of highways impress upon you the wonder of flying. Getting to the fish is as much fun as catching them.

After what seems like only minutes to the awestruck passengers, the pilot touches down on the lake, accessible only by the air (or a long canoe ride with several portages).

Gear unloaded and put in a boat, the plane heads out onto open water and takes off for home base again, leaving us completely alone with nature.

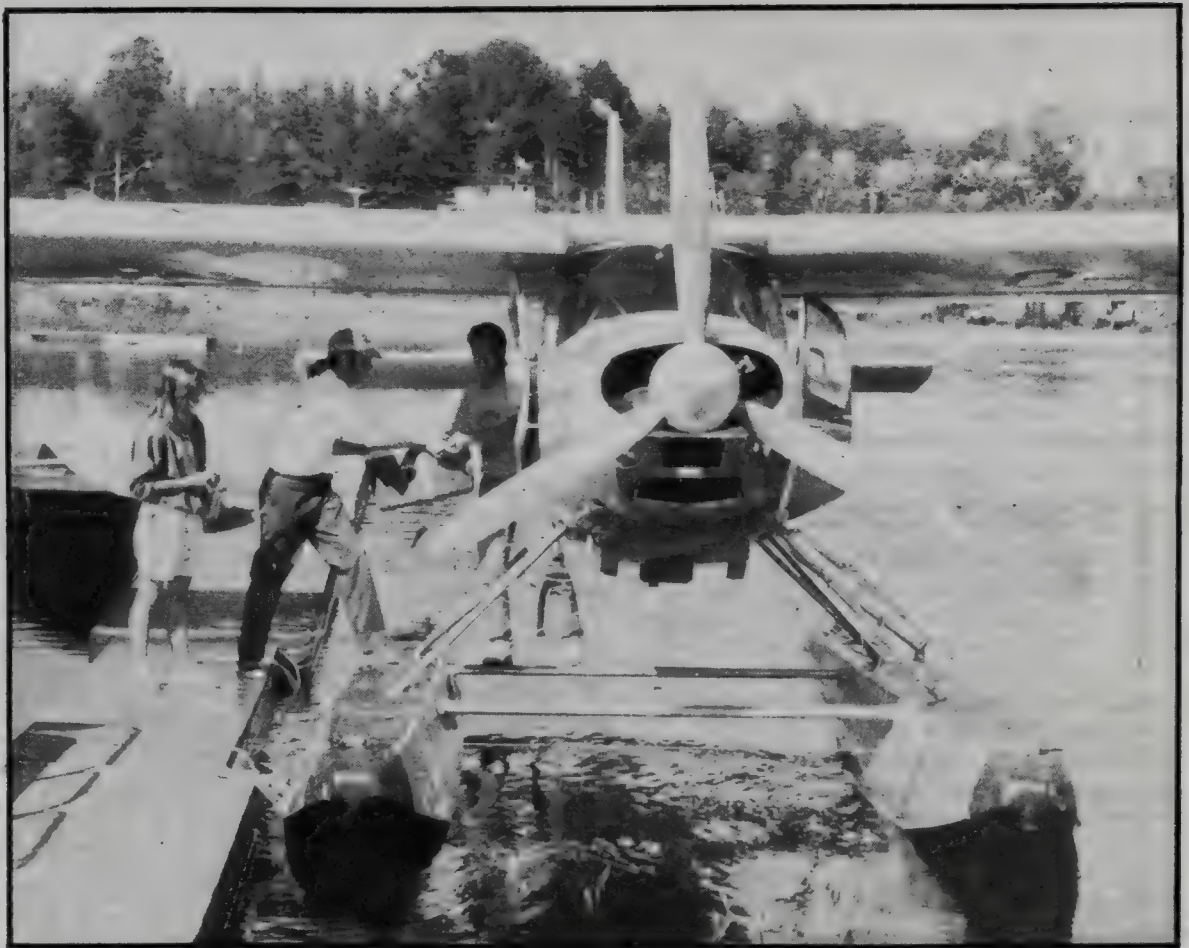
We had come to this secluded lake to discover the attraction of fly-in fishing. What makes thousands of people each year abandon the comforts of home to camp in the wilderness? Why is a dock in front of the cottage sometimes just not good enough?

Anxious to get in a full day of fishing, the three of us climbed into the boat and took off, scanning the shoreline for suitable spots to cast in our lines. But we needn't worry. Part of the joy of fishing in seclusion is that the lakes don't become overfished.

Within minutes we all had fish on our lines, and before the day was done we had a string of six smallmouth bass, weighing more than one pound each—and we had thrown back twice as many as we kept. (Not to mention the ones that got away—which of course were far bigger than any of the ones we managed to reel in.)

My apprehension at the thought of putting a leech or minnow on a hook, or even worse—taking a bass off the hook, quickly disappeared as I became more enthralled with the sport. Much to my surprise I found myself completely involved with what I was doing, and eagerly awaiting the next nibble. And I wasn't disappointed.

Apparently, we were not alone in finding this to be one of our best fishing experiences. Steve Wilcox, owner of Spectra Aviation, and the pilot



The quality of fishing on air-access lakes attracts avid anglers looking for good fishing, as well as those who just want to try something new

of the plane which brought us to this haven, says the demand for fly-in fishing in this area is on the rise.

"Fly-in fishing trips have always been popular," he says. "But we are seeing more of it in Central Ontario now because the costs further north are prohibitive for some people."

"And the sport of fishing has dramatically increased in the last five years. People are more sport conscious now, and sport fishing on Lake Ontario has introduced a lot of people to fishing."

"Most people believe they have to drive 12 to 15 hours to northern Ontario to get good fly-in fishing," says Barry Day of Day Airways Ltd.

"And it's right on their doorstep."

The quality of the fishing on air-access lakes attracts the avid fishermen looking for good fishing, as well as those who just want to try something new. And the surroundings keep them coming back.

"It is very frustrating fishing on the bigger lakes because there are too many boats and too many anglers. It's too busy to get any fish," says Gary Baumgartner, who owns Haliburton Air Service. "There is more than enough food for the fish to survive on, so they aren't going to be lured by

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'Fly-in fishing is a way to escape'

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what's on your line.

"And if you are fishing to try and get some solitude you don't want guys waterskiing past you. Fly-in fishing is a way to get away. You aren't going to hear any other boats. It's an escape."

Day trips, where you fly in first thing in the morning and get picked up late in the afternoon are available, but most people like to get away for a bit longer. Packages, from two to seven nights are available, and range in price from \$160 to \$340 per person, depending on the length of the stay.

The packages include the flight, as well as the boat, motor, and fuel. Cabins complete with a fridge, stove and lights make it a bit easier to rough it in the bush. The fishermen have to supply all of their own food, sleeping bag, bait and tackle, and any other little necessities, such as sunblock.

For safety reasons the pilots prefer if you go in with at least one other person, and if you are staying for one of the longer packages, Wilcox and Day will fly in to make sure everything is all right. The pilots also tell you the international distress signals, just in case. However, they are all pleased to report that they haven't had any problems with people being injured while in the bush.

There is no set stereotype of the person who enjoys fly-in fishing, although a lot of fathers and sons, or a group of fishing buddies do take advantage of the opportunity to fish in solitude. They come from every walk of life in search of the big one.

"We have a real cross-section of people," says Day. "Doctors, lawyers and corporate presidents right down to your average working Joe."

The lakes are carefully chosen, based on the size (they have to be big enough to take off and land on), and if there are any fish in them. Wilcox spends \$10,000 a year stocking his lakes with fish from private hatcheries to ensure lakes won't feel the pressure of constant fishing. Other lakes are stocked by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

While it is possible for the flying companies to find lakes which are full of fish and cannot be reached by road, it is not always as easy to find water that hasn't been affected by acid rain. Most of the bass fishing is done southeast of Haliburton, where there is a buffer of limestone to ease the damage of acid rain.

"Acid rain has probably done more to ruin sport fishing industry than anything else in this province," says Day. "In this portion of the county (where his lakes are located) there are heavy limestone deposits which neutralize acid. Twenty miles away there are terrible acid rain conditions."

"My lakes are far enough south that there is limestone," says Wilcox. "But acid rain is certainly having an effect on every lake in the area."

The availability of remote lakes is also becoming a problem. With the advent of all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and the increased popularity of snowmobiling, lakes are not as hard to reach anymore. And the pilots have to be careful not to invade each other's space.

"There is a dwindling supply of lakes," says Baumgartner. "Logging roads are being built, and ATVs are making us push farther afield."

"And the pilots have to try and avoid each other. I don't use a lake someone else is using unless I have no choice. We're trying to provide isolation. We don't want the guests thinking 'We're not the only guys on the lake. The other plane just drop-

ped some people in.' But we have to tell people there might be others. We don't own the lakes."

The companies receive land use permits from the MNR which enables them to put up the cabin and use the lake for fishing. However, the ministry has stopped issuing the permits, which also makes it difficult for the companies to find remote lakes, and Wilcox says it won't help the lakes.

"I have a vested interest in the lake," he says.

"By not issuing any more permits you don't stop people from using the lakes. And there is nothing to keep people from exploiting the lake and moving on."

We are very strict with how people act and carry

on when they are in there. We don't want them over-fishing and throwing cans around. People aren't going to pay me to take them to a lake that's a dump."

However, people are willing to pay to experience the great outdoors, and once they have they keep coming back. It is not difficult to become hooked. Heading back to meet the plane with our prize catch in tow, and looks of achievement on our faces, none of us were ready to leave. We were only too pleased when the pilot was a few minutes late picking us up, and it was with a great deal of reluctance that we climbed back on board and fastened our seatbelts.



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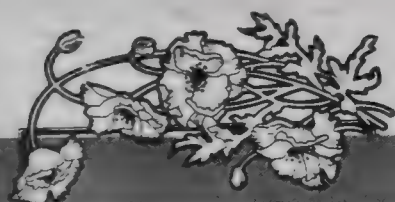
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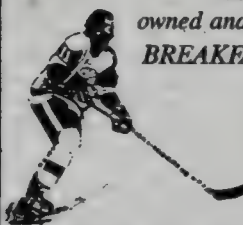
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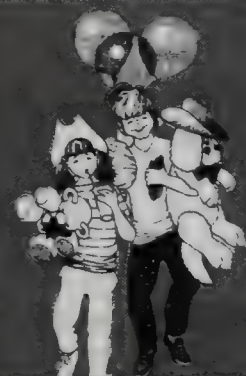
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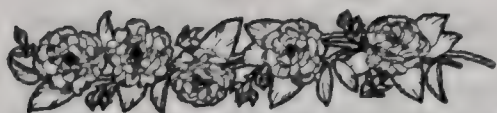
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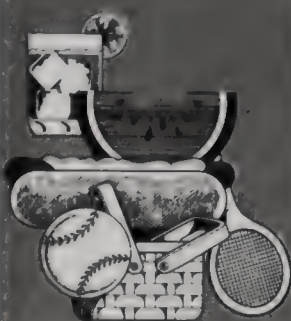


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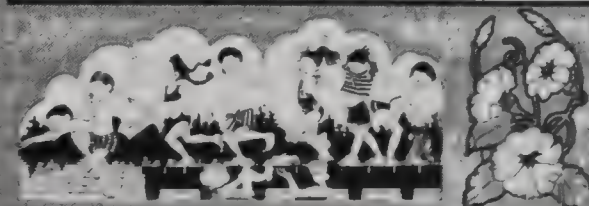
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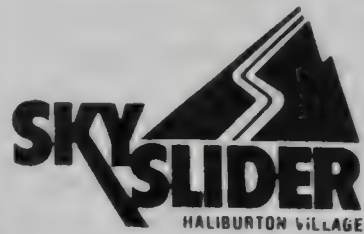
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July 1 — Labour Day — Haliburton Historical Walk. Two hour walk through town, village-wide reenactment of historical scenes by local citizens dressed in costume, free. Meet at 10 a.m. at public dock, Head Lake Park.

July 5 — Free children's concert featuring Janice Benoit and Dianne Hagerman at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall at 7 p.m.

July 7 — Nature Appreciation Weekend at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. The first course will include: Canoeing, guided nature walks, bird watching, and lectures by Monte Hummel, President, World Wildlife Fund of Canada, and by Barry Kent MacKay, Wildlife Coordinator, the Toronto Humane Society. In addition, wildlife films will be shown by acclaimed cinematographer Norman Lightfoot; Dr. Peter Schleifenbaum will discuss forestry and forest management, and naturalist-author R.D. Lawrence will conduct two forums on conservation. Because this is the first of the series, attendance will be limited to 30 participants. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis, but advance bookings can be made for the next programme on Friday, July 21. Fee: \$150 per person, includes accommodation, six meals, participation in all events and lectures. For reservations and more information call: (705)754-2198 Monday to Friday during business hours, or write: RR.1 Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

July 12 — Minden United Church salad dinner and bazaar, Minden United Church.

July 21, 22, 23 — Wilberforce Country Good Times. This popular annual event includes a huge parade, a midway, an amateur contest, a dance, races, rides and games. Contact: 705-448-2981.

July

Communities get ready to celebrate summer with festivals and fun

July 22 — Stanhope's 11th Anniversary Fun Day — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events include a dog show, children's games, demonstrations, a beef barbecue, and an evening dance.

July 22 — Haliburton Legion Fleamarket, Legion Hall, Branch 129.

July 25 to August 6 — The Guild of Fine Arts Summer Exhibition and Sale at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Contact 705-457-2330.

Frost Centre events:

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July 11 — GO WILD! Join Centre staff for some Musk-ox Manouevres, Quick Frozen Critters and Adaptation Artistry as they explore wildlife through Project WILD, a wildlife education program used through Ontario's schools. Take a walk on the WILD side!

July 20 — GOLD FEVER Be a prospector and pan for gold on Lake St. Nora's shores. Learn about the history and importance of gold mining and exploration in Ontario. You won't get rich, but you will find gold! Limit: 80.

July 13 — HIKE THE HILLS Be a time traveller, back to the birth of the Frost Centre's rugged landscape. Join Centre staff on the trails for some beautiful scenery and examples of the forces which shaped the Canadian Shield. Be prepared for a 3 km hike. Good walking shoes or boots and insect repellent are suggested.

July 25 — FORESTS IN DECLINE What's hazardous to a forest's health? Acid rain? Drought? Disease? Insects? All of the above! It's a complex problem with a few myths thrown in as well. Forestry Specialist, Frank Bec will be with you to sort out the fact from fiction.

July 27 — 4TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE Celebrate the Frost Centre's fourth annual Open House from 10am to 3pm. Discover what the Frost Centre is all about, get involved in the Centre's Timber Management Plan and participate in special programs on natural resources and the environment. It's a festival and it's all for you.

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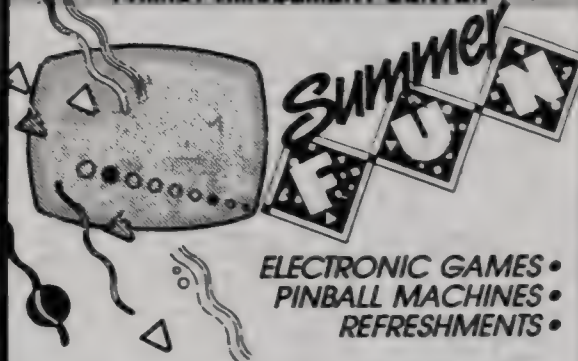
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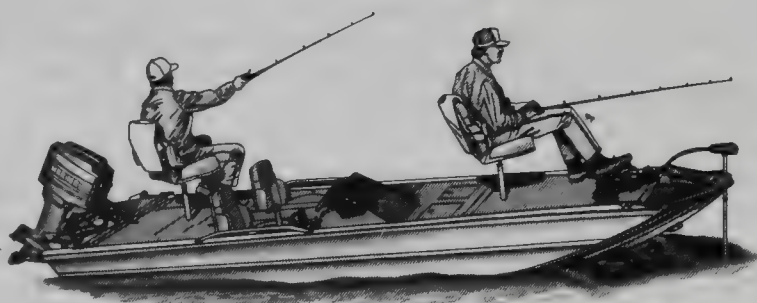
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Local history comes to life as citizens act out the past in Haliburton's Heritage Walks

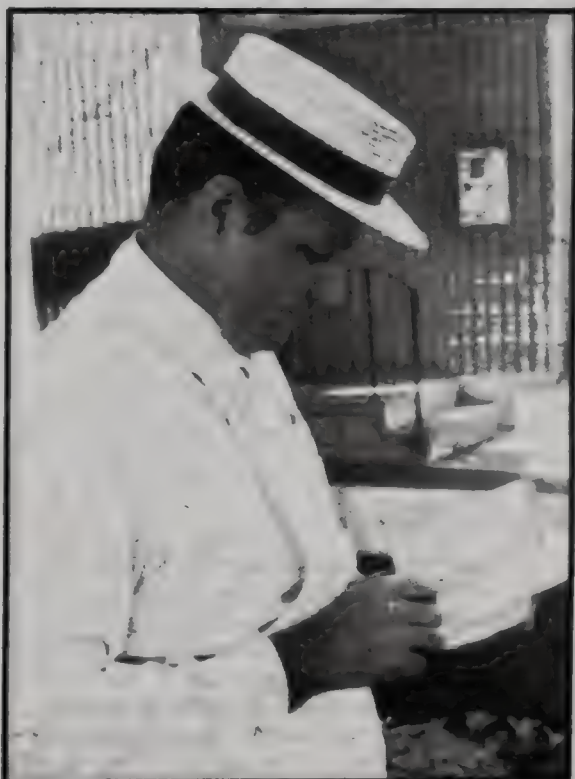
by: MARTHA PERKINS

HISTORY IS NOT COMMON summer reading fare, but just because you're at the cottage or on vacation doesn't mean you have to forego intellectual stimulation for a little rest and relaxation. Fortunately, the weekly Heritage Walks through Haliburton offer you an easy way out—learning about local history is as enjoyable as a leisurely stroll along the village's streets.

Every Wednesday during the summer, people are invited to converge at the municipal docks at Head Lake. At 10 o'clock, your guide will help you ignore the present and focus on what this area must have been like for the Algonquin Indians who first lived here and the white settlers who made it their home in the New World.

In a few minutes, the bells of St. George's Anglican Church beckon you to walk up the hill to Haliburton's first church. With a little imagination, everyone manages to fit into the 16 by 20

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Food

It's strawberry time in the Highlands, and picking your own is an enjoyable way to get started on these recipes

by: ANNE HEWITT

THEY'RE RED, ripe, and ready to pick, and on top of it all they're delicious. Strawberry season has begun, and pick-your-own berry farms are teeming with pickers anxious to make their first batch of jam or strawberry shortcake.

However, be careful not to go out and pick to your heart's content. There are things to look for before plucking the strawberry off the stem. Look for plump, bright red, berries that are fully ripened. Strawberries are one fruit that won't ripen after it's picked, so if you throw a green one in your basket, you will end up having to throw it out.

Also choose berries that are firm and have no bruises. Those with hulls attached will keep longer. And bigger is not necessarily better. Flavour is not determined by the size, but on the ripeness.

When you are at a pick-your-own farm, you should be sure to pick all the ripe strawberries in your row, and not jump from row to row. This enables the owner to keep track of what has been picked.

Sort out your berries as soon as you get home, and throw out any over-ripe ones. Place them in a single layer on a tray or cookie sheet and store them, uncovered, in the fridge. Do not wash or hull them until you are ready to serve them, and for maximum flavour, eat them within three days.

Just before your sweet treat, wash the berries gently in cold water, pat them dry and then hull them.

If you wish to extend the strawberry season, you can freeze the berries, in a single layer, and then place them in freezer bags until you are ready to use them.

For the big, juicy berries you can't bear not to eat right away, try them plain, or with a little sugar, honey, or maple syrup. For a cool treat, add a little ice cream, or try putting pureed strawberries in your favourite punch.

The more adventurous strawberry eaters may wish to try some of these delectable recipes, guaranteed to satisfy the taste buds of every desert lover:

FRENCH STRAWBERRY TART

2-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
1-2tsp. grated lemon peel
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1 baked 9 in. rich tart shell



Choose berries that are firm and have no bruises, and pick all the ripe ones in your row

1 qt. fresh strawberries, sliced
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1/4 cup cold water
1-12 oz. jar (1 Cup) strawberry preserves
2 tbsp. lemon juice.

Combine first four ingredients, mix well, spread in baked shell. Top with berries. Combine cornstarch and water, add preserves. Bring to boiling, stirring constantly. Cook and stir until thick and clear, remove from heat and add 2 tbsp. lemon juice. Cool to room temp. Pour over berries, chill, makes 12 servings.

RICH TART SHELL

Stir 1/2 cup butter to soften, blend in 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 tsp. salt. Add 1 egg, mix well. Stir in 1 1/2 cups sifted all purpose flour, chill slightly. On floured surface roll out a 12 inch circle. Using a rolling pin to transfer dough carefully place over outside of nine inch round cake pan. Shape dough to sides of pan almost to rim. Be sure there are no thin places, especially at corner. Trim, place pan, crust up, on cookie sheet. Bake at 450 degrees

for 8-10 min. or till lightly browned. Cool a few min. While slightly warm transfer crust to plate.

STRAWBERRY RHUBARB COBBLER

1 pt. strawberries, sliced
1 lb. rhubarb, cut into 1" chunks (approx. 3 1/2 cups)
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2/3 cup sugar
1 tbsp. butter, cut into bits
TOPPING: 1 1/3 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
3 tbsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
3 tbsp. uncooked oatmeal
3 tbsp. chopped walnuts (preferably toasted)
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/3 cup butter, cut into bits
1 cup milk
2 tbsp. icing sugar, sifted.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a 9" x 9" baking dish. Combine strawberries, rhubarb,

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Plain or fancy, these berries are heavenly

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lemon juice, sugar and butter. Place in bottom of pan. For the topping combine flour with baking powder, sugar, lemon rind, oatmeal, nuts and cinnamon. Cut in butter until it is in tiny bits. Sprinkle mixture with Milk. Stir together just until a heavy batter is formed. Drop batter by spoonfuls over top of the rhubarb/strawberries. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. Allow to cool before serving. Sprinkle with icing sugar. (Strawberry mixture may be quite runny at first but will firm up slightly when cool). Serves 6

CHOCOLATE DIPPED STRAWBERRIES

These strawberries dipped in white chocolate and placed in a delicate chocolate basket make the perfect ending for an elegant dinner party, or a fabulous centerpiece for a table laden with goodies.

1 pound semisweet chocolate, chopped
White chocolate strawberries (recipe below)
EQUIPMENT: 2 to 4 cup souffle dish or 6 custard cups
Heavy duty aluminum foil
1 small pastry bag
1 writing tip (no. 2 or 3)
1 small star tip (no. 18 or 20).

Place souffle dish or custard cups upside down on a small board or baking sheet. Press aluminum foil over top and sides, letting it extend about 2 in. on bottom. Press foil tightly around bottom edge, making a sharp, definitive edge. Place in refrigerator or freezer. In top of double boiler over very low heat, slowly melt chocolate. Stir until smooth. Let sit 15 minutes or until thick enough to pipe. If it becomes too firm while working,



Kevin McConnell samples a berry at Tyler's Waverly Brook Farm, which, along with Short's near Minden, offers people an opportunity to pick their berries fresh from the field, a summer treat for many

remelt slightly. Fit a small pastry bag with a writing tip. Fill with some of the chocolate. Pipe a continuous drizzle of chocolate in a lacy design over bottom and sides of mold. Don't be concerned if chocolate drips slightly. If it drips too much, the chocolate is too warm. Refrigerate or freeze for 5 to 10 minutes or until chocolate is firm. Repeat with a second layer in the same manner. Refrigerate or freeze until firm. Repeat with a third layer; refrigerate or freeze until chocolate is firm, at least 20 minutes. Remove souffle dish by carefully pulling it out from underneath the foil. Turn basket right side up and remove foil by slowly and carefully pulling it away from sides and bottom of basket. Remove writing tip from coupler (or use another pastry bag) and replace it with a star tip. Pipe a decorative chocolate border around top edge of basket. Refrigerate while making handle. Line a baking sheet that will fit into your refrigerator or freezer with waxed paper. To make handle, measure the diameter of the basket; mark that width on the paper. Draw the curved shape of a handle. Using room temperature chocolate (it cannot be too warm or the design won't show) and star tip, pipe zigzag lines around arc, following your handle pattern. Refrigerate or freeze until firm. Remove paper, turn over and pipe similar pattern on other side. Refrigerate or freeze until firm. Attach handle to basket by using melted chocolate as "glue" and dabbing it on each side of the basket. Using the palm of your hand, hold handle in place until it sticks. Fill with white chocolate strawberries.

WHITE CHOCOLATE STRAWBERRIES

Makes 15 to 20 strawberries. May be refrigerated uncovered overnight. Use Toblerone or a white dipping chocolate from a candymaking store, as white chocolate does not always melt. 16 to 20 large strawberries, with stems attached 6 oz. white chocolate, chopped. Line a baking sheet that will fit into the refrigerator with waxed paper. Pat strawberries clean with paper towels; do not wash. Melt the chocolate in the top of the double boiler over hot water. Holding each strawberry by the leaves dip it into the melted chocolate. Place strawberries on the prepared baking sheet. Refrigerate until firm or overnight before placing in basket.

FRESH STRAWBERRY SHERBET

1 quart strawberries
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 cups plain yogurt
2 tbsp. honey
1/2 tsp. dried mint leaves.

Wash, pat dry, hull and slice strawberries. Puree 3 cups of the strawberries in blender or food processor, or crush with potato masher. Reserve remaining 1 cup strawberries for serving. Stir in sugar and yogurt. Cover and freeze for about 2 hours, or until almost frozen. Puree again in blender or food processor, or mix thoroughly with electric mixer. Place in 6 cup ring mold or freezer containers. Freeze overnight, covered. At serving time, combine honey and mint and drizzle over remaining 1 cup strawberries. Unmold sherbet, and serve with minted strawberries in the centre. If sherbet was frozen in containers, scoop into dessert dishes and top with minted strawberries. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



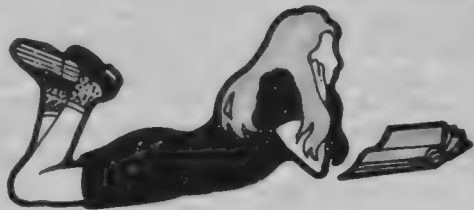
They don't get any better than these berries, carefully piled and ready to be hulled



The parade is the highlight of Country Good Times, Monmouth Township's annual summer celebration, which will take place on July 21, 22 and 23 this year

SUMMER

Reading.



by: **STEPHEN PATRICK**

A book for the birds

INDEPENDANT bookstores tend to be individual, personal kinds of places that reflect, to some degree, the interests of the owners. And once in a while this bookseller finds a book he likes so much that he can't stop talking about it.

This week's candidate is the University of Waterloo Press' "Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario", a 617 page compendium of in-depth information on all Ontario birds and their breeding habits. Southern Ontario (from Sudbury south) is divided into 10 km. square sections for identification purposes, which is amazingly specific for an area that size. the Magazine "Cottage Life" recently reviewed the "Atlas" and quoted Dr. Ian Kirkham, executive director of the Federation on Ontario Naturalists, on it. Dr. Kirkham: "This

atlas is state-of-the-art for the continent. Other provinces and states are trying to emulate it". At \$53.50, it's not exactly an impulse buy. So check out the display copy at Patrick Books (if you can get it away from the owner).

Also in this week is Le Carre's "The Russia House", whose launch was accompanied this spring by one of the most intensive author publicity campaigns I've ever seen. Le Carre (in real life David Cornwell) broke his 20-year author's silence and took North America by storm (Newsweek cover, major talk shows, a Journal Hagiography). Why did he come into the cold? One reason might be the competition. Len Deighton's Bernard Samson series (Game, Set, Match, Etc.) comes much closer to capturing that harsh '80's feeling than did Smiley and Co. And Le Carre has made a giant leap into 'the third uncertain summer of Glasnost and Perestroika' as the setting for his novel, which is as good a summer read as you'll get.

Charles Gordon's "At the Cottage" is as funny and charming as it should be, given subject matter so close to so many hearts. To render the familiar in such a fresh and accurate way is no mean feat, and Gordon has done us a great service in getting it all down.

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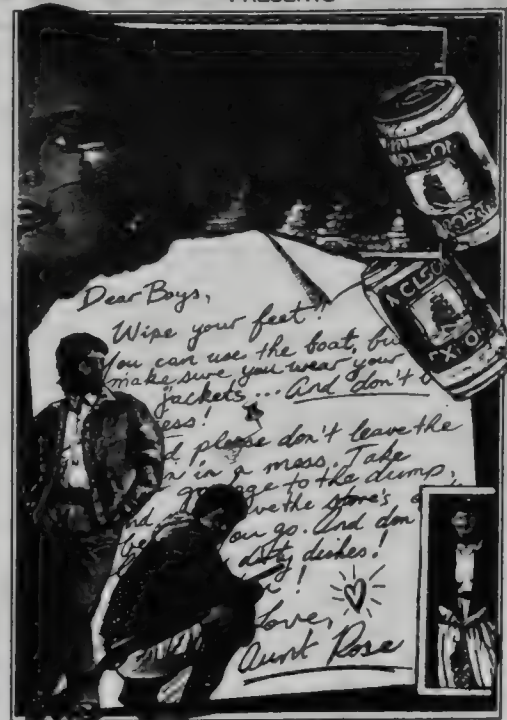
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You'll meet other ghosts from the village's past

at the townhall, cricket field/market garden, heritage homes, general merchant's, surveyor's office, butcher store, barber shop, railway station and what is now known as Bank's Heritage Store. All the characters along the way are dressed in period costumes, and many of them are descendants of the people they are portraying. (Or at least have the same accent.)

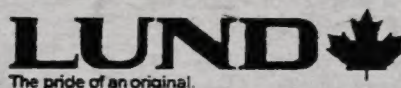
At Bank's, not only will you be regaled with the history of the store, but you'll also be treated to a free glass of cold apple cider. It's become a favourite stop along the two-year-old walk.

It was the Writer's Guild which first came up with the idea for the walk and local historian, Leo Dobrzensky, wrote the script and is often a guide. Glenn Austin helped her collect some old photographs, which he takes along to show people how the village looked in his grandparents' day.

The walk is free of charge, in part sponsored by the Municipality of Dysart et al. All you need to bring along is the desire to learn something during your summer holidays. The having fun you already expected.

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Dr. Jamieson felt an art gallery would be good for the community

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working in Orillia, she heard about him and went to convince him to give her lessons. He didn't take much convincing, and before long, Dr. Jamieson was on her way to becoming an established painter.

"One time she was over at Uden's and she saw a picture in the fireplace. Uden said it was no good and he was going to burn it, so Agnes took it home and finished it up," says Miss Howard, looking at the painting above her chesterfield. "So that's a Stanten-Jamieson picture.

Each year Dr. Jamieson's paintings, together with Lapine's and some of Welch's are shown at the gallery. They are part of a permanent collection which are on display whenever there isn't another show.

However, the reason behind Dr. Jamieson's actions was not to have a place to show her own work. She wanted something for the community, and the gallery has been successful in meeting her goal, with several shows on each year.

"I think she felt satisfaction when it was finish-

ed," says Miss Howard. "She felt it was good for the people of the community to have a gallery where they could go and look at professional work."

This year the gallery is featuring a dozen different shows, with many local artists displaying their work this summer. At the moment Peter and Joan Hoad have a display of sculptures and water-colours.

Other shows this year include:

Canadian Flora and Landscapes on Silk and Chinese Rice Paper by Mary Sue Rankin from July 12-25; Buckhorn Group of Six in assorted media, from July 29-August 19; Wall Hangings, from August 26-September 16; a display of works by studio tour artists and craftspeople from September 25-October 14; and a display by the Haliburton Rug Hookers from October 25-November 11.

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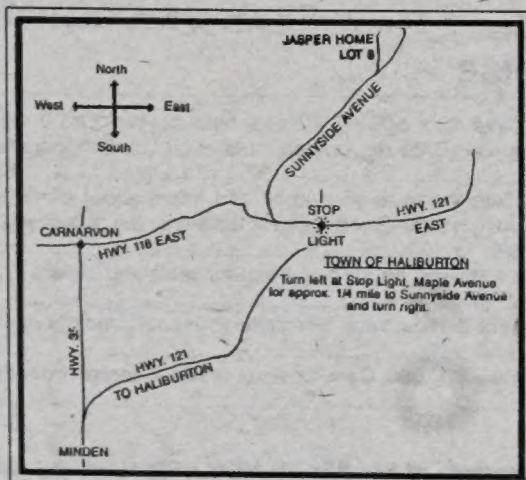
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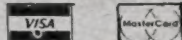
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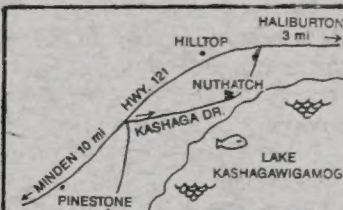


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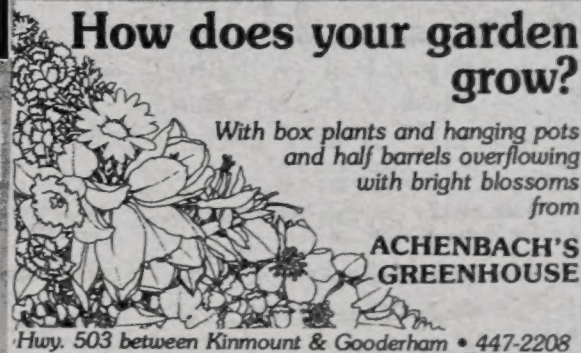
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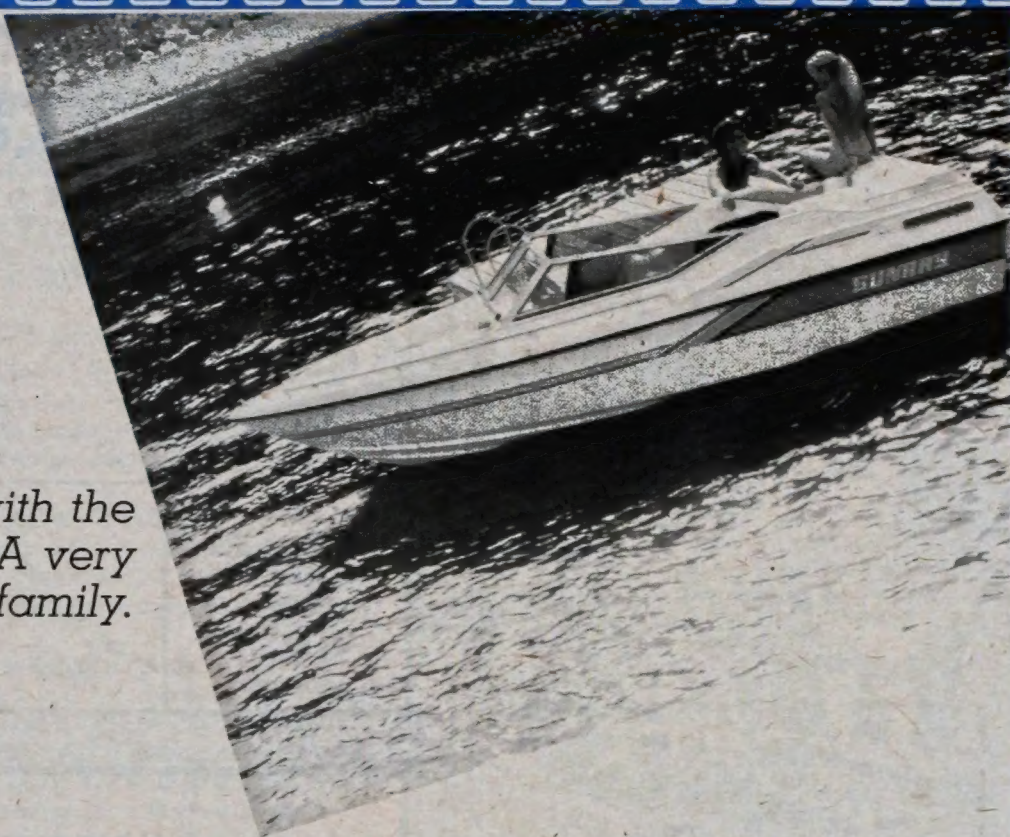
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